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Jonathan Chicquette
Mayor

Recently, the City Council conducted a workshop. In attendance were the City Council and several members of the Planning Commission and a group of residents. The meeting was to focus on solutions; everyone came with great ideas and team spirit. The most intriguing part of the exercise was looking for themes in the solutions suggested, and the language used to convey them. After reviewing my notes, I found one theme that stood out, education.

Often as residents of Normandy Park, we find ourselves wondering, do I need a permit for building a fence? Who do I call if my dog has gone missing? How do I report a flood at Walker Creek? It's in these moments of questioning that a city should be doing its best to offer easy to find answers. In most cases, those answers are a phone call away. In others, a quick visit to the new City website will do the trick. Regardless of the venue, educating people makes for a better community and a safer place to live for all.

With education and community building in mind, our Chief of Police, Dan Yourkoski, has conducted a few community meetings where he has shared the statistics of law enforcement activity in the city and things people can do to be safer on the go and at home. The one thing that many residents may have missed by not attending is the simple message of using 9-1-1 to contact the police department. It doesn't matter if it's an emergency or not, calling 9-1-1 is the thing to do. This straightforward process allows dispatching of the police in a timely and efficient manner. Bottom line, your calls get answered.

The benefits of having a dedicated city-run police force is just one of the many ways Normandy Park is different in a significant way. The safety of our residents comes first.



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Council Corner



Mike Bishoff
Deputy Mayor,
Normandy Park
City Council

It was only a few years ago that the City of Normandy Park was in a challenging financial situation eventually leading to unplanned

layoffs and reduction of services. There were rumors that the city would dissolve and split between Burien and Des Moines. Citizens stepped in and got creative to prevent additional police force reductions through unprecedented fundraising and contributions to city coffers. This was only a temporary solution, and long-term planning would be required to prevent the City from falling apart financially.

In the following year, citizens were asked to provide additional taxes through a levy lift. The levy lift initially failed due in part to a lack of communication and understanding of how the City's budget is always in a bit of a decline.

The cause of ongoing budget decline is due to the one percent maximum yearly tax increase allowed under Eyman initiatives that passed over a decade ago. With new involvement and

advocacy from Normandy Park citizens a second shot at a levy lift passed. Such is the new norm of how the city's budget and finances work, and it's essential that we all understand the City will need to ask the citizens to vote for a small bump in taxes about every five to six years just to maintain current services—unless things change.

While that all might sound dire, city staff and council have been busy putting in place new financial policies and looking for new sources of revenue over the last several years. These financial policies required the creation of a

...it remains imperative that we continue to drive towards a great financial place for the City for all the right reasons—great, safe neighborhoods with beautiful parks and well-maintained streets and properties.

strategic “rainy day” fund and minimum annual deposits to help even out the lows when the economy turns down. Over the next eight to ten years, we'll bank about a million dollars that require a supermajority of the council to use. Likewise, our Finance Director, Jennifer

Ferrer-Santa Ines, has done a fantastic job bringing new common sense budget processes and reporting to the City. Under her guidance, our bond rating has gone from an A+ to an AA-, this translates to the City meeting its financial commitment on its long-term debt to be very strong. Also, recent Washington State audits have not identified any adverse findings. While city services are not the way they were a decade or two ago, we are in a much better position these days compared to just a few years ago.

With all that said, it remains imperative that we continue to drive toward great, safe neighborhoods, with beautiful parks, well-maintained streets and properties. To that end, the City will need to continue to drive towards self-sustaining revenue and a stable, sufficient rainy day fund. This year, your newly seated city council is making strategic

economic development a key priority. This conversation is just getting started, and my plea to you is to get involved by attending council and committee meetings, and by bringing your great ideas to the table. Your voice, passion, and participation truly matter.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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8–9 am	Water Aerobics – 8:30 - 9:30 am Lap Swim	Water Aerobics – 8:30 - 9:30 am Lap Swim	Water Aerobics – 8:30 - 9:30 am Lap Swim	Water Aerobics – 8:30 - 9:30 am Lap Swim	Water Aerobics – 8:30 - 9:30 am Lap Swim	Water Walking 7–10 am Swim Team – 6 Lanes 7 am – noon	
9–10 am	Lap Swim Water Walking 9:30 am	Lap Swim Water Walking 9:30 am	Lap Swim Water Walking 9:30 am	Lap Swim Water Walking 9:30 am	Lap Swim Water Walking 9:30 am	Family Swim 10 am - noon	
10–11 am	Lap Swim Water Walking	Lap Swim Water Walking	Lap Swim Water Walking	Lap Swim Water Walking	Lap Swim Water Walking		
11–12 pm	Lap Swim Family Swim	Lap Swim Family Swim	Lap Swim Family Swim	Lap Swim Family Swim	Lap Swim Family Swim		
12–1 pm	Lap Swim Family Swim	Lap Swim Family Swim	Lap Swim Family Swim	Lap Swim Family Swim	Lap Swim Family Swim	Open/Family Swim (Lap Swim 3 Lanes) noon - 2 pm	
1–3:30 pm	CLOSED					2 - 8 pm Private Rentals (Visit website for more information)	
3:30–4 pm	Swim Team – 6 Lanes	Swim Team – 6 Lanes	Swim Team – 6 Lanes	Swim Team – 6 Lanes	Swim Team – 6 Lanes		
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7–8 pm	Half open swim Dive Seattle – 3 Lanes	Half open swim Swim Team – 3 Lanes	Half open swim Dive Seattle – 3 Lanes	Half open swim Swim Team – 3 Lanes	Half open swim Swim Team – 3 Lanes		
8–9 pm	Lap Swim – 6 Lanes Water Aerobics		Lap Swim – 6 Lanes Water Aerobics		Open swim		

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MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

Arts Commission

1st Tuesday, 7pm

Economic Development Committee

2nd Wednesday, 7pm

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Metropolitan Parks District

2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (if necessary)

Civil Service

3rd Tuesday, Noon

Park Commission

3rd Wednesday, 7pm

Planning Commission

3rd Thursday, 7pm

Council Study Session

4th Tuesday, 7pm (if necessary)

Wanted: Normandy Park community members and residents like you

The City will soon begin preparing its 2019–2020 Budget. Two years ago, staff worked with a subcommittee referred to as the Budget Advisory Group (BAG) made up of community members to provide input on the City of Normandy Park's budget. No finance background? No worries. The City's goal is to promote transparency and community engagement.

Meetings will take place at City Hall in August/September. This is a great opportunity to participate in a collaborative process to learn more about your government and how the City uses its resources to maintain continued and reliable services to the Normandy Park community.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in participating, contact Finance Director, Jennifer Ferrer-Santaines at jferrer-santaines@normandyparkwa.gov.



"Reflections" by Normandy Park photographer Doug Early. Read more about Doug on page 26.

Spring in Full Bloom

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eggs

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COMMUNITY ART SURVEY

NORMANDY PARK ARTS COMMISSION

March – May 2018

The Community Art Survey is meant to capture feedback from the Normandy Park community so that the Arts Commission can continue to present events and programs that reflect the art and culture of Normandy Park and the surrounding area.

We would love to hear from you; please take **ten minutes** to help us learn more about how we can best serve you and our local artists!

Complete the next two pages, and mail them into City Hall, or **take the survey online at:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NPARTS18>

**Help inform the
Arts Commission**

**Don't be shy –
share your art
ideas**

**Take it online,
drop it off at City
Hall or mail to
City Hall**

Get involved!

Thank you

“The artist's world is
limitless. It can be found
anywhere, far from where he
lives or a few feet away. It is
always on his doorstep.”

- Paul Strand

COMMUNITY ART SURVEY 2018

Normandy Park Arts Commission

This survey will inform future Arts Commission programming.
We appreciate your input.

Return by mail to:

Normandy Park City Hall

Attn: Amanda León

801 SW 174th Street

Normandy Park, WA 98166

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1. How many years has your household lived in Normandy Park?

_____ years as a resident

☐ I am not a resident of Normandy Park

2. How many members in your household are in each age range?

	Children
	Teenager
	Young Adult
	Adult
	Senior

3. Select which Normandy Park Arts Commission events or programming you have attended in the past 3 years. Select all that apply:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Concerts in the Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Public art displays (City Hall gallery, Marvista, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Normandy Park Arts Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th of July Parade Bike Decorating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Decorating at the Cove | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Party Crafts Table at the Cove |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not attend any above programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Tables at Winterfest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

4. How did you learn about the above listed events? Select all the apply:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Normandy Park City Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Printed Posters | <input type="checkbox"/> Normandy Park Blog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Scene Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event listings (Seattle Times, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

5. What is your interest level in the below events and programs if offered by the Normandy Park Arts Commission?

Please indicate your interest in the below programs and events:	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not Interested
Summer concerts in the park			
Literature Lectures / Readings Series			
Children's Events			
Painting, drawing, art making			
Public Art (murals, sculptures, outdoor and indoor)			
Theater			
Classical Music Performances			
Architecture Events			
Arts Festival (with juried competition)			
Artists Discussions / Meet and Greets (resident artists and non-resident artists represented)			
Dance programming			
Food and beverage festivals or demonstrations			
Culture or ethnic specific events			
Other _____			

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6. Are there other events or programs you would like the Arts Commission to consider in the future?

7. Please select the impact (negative, none or positive) the below factors have on the likelihood of your attendance to events and programs:

Please indicate impact on your attendance:	Negative Impact	No Impact	Positive Impact	N/A
Facility / venue condition				
Easy parking				
Weekday events				
Weekend events				
Evening events				
Daytime events				
Self-serve art (public installations, galleries)				
Programing for children				
Quality of artists or content				
Other _____				
Other _____				

8. Do you feel your community and culture are represented in Arts Commission Programs? (circle one)

Accurately Represented

Somewhat represented

Not Represented

9. Please briefly describe the community and culture you identify with, and if interested, share ideas on how Normandy Park Arts Commission can present programs that reflect your community and culture.

10. Interested in engaging with the Normandy Park Arts Commission? Please provide your information below and indicate how you would like to participate:

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Have you heard the sounds of Spring? Are the melodious birdsongs and the itch to get outside in the fresh air making you a little anxious? Join the Normandy Park Parks Commission for seasonal walks in local parks for a *Birding Basics Class* or an *Owl Prowl*!


Birding is an inclusive sport and is second only to gardening in popularity. It has known health benefits that include walking, breathing fresh air, spending time with others, and unplugging from your devices. Birding can be a simple activity that connects you to the diversity and beauty of nature or it can be an intellectual and scientific pursuit that connects us to the world of citizen scientists.

Basic Birding Classes and *Owl Prowls* are set up to help you develop a skill of both knowledge and hands-on experience so that you'll have tools to go out on your own and discover birds in Normandy Park, or anywhere. When you are comfortable identifying a few easier species then the real fun begins... looking for rare and secretive birds in your area.

Marine View, Walker Preserve, and Nature Trails Parks are great places to get started in this rewarding activity to learn about your local birds, both common and rare. The **Birding Basics Class**, begins by identifying birds by sight and sound. Next, we will look for clues

made by birds such as feathers, nests, tracks, and sounds they use to communicate. After learning more about the ecology of our area it is easy to track birds by their habitat use and feeding behaviors. Learning and practicing skills of awareness can help us find and identify a bird, sometimes by just a flash of its tail.

Our **Owl Prowls** are a two-part adventure beginning at dusk with owl pellet dissection followed by a slow walk on a quest to spot an owl. The pellets are a fascinating way to connect to the life of an owl and consist mostly of tiny bones and fur. We'll have the chance to identify some of the critters they depend on for food and learn about owls' unique digestive systems. The walk will be guided to assist the adventurers to turn on their senses of sight and sound to quietly walk in the woods to hear and spot the owls.




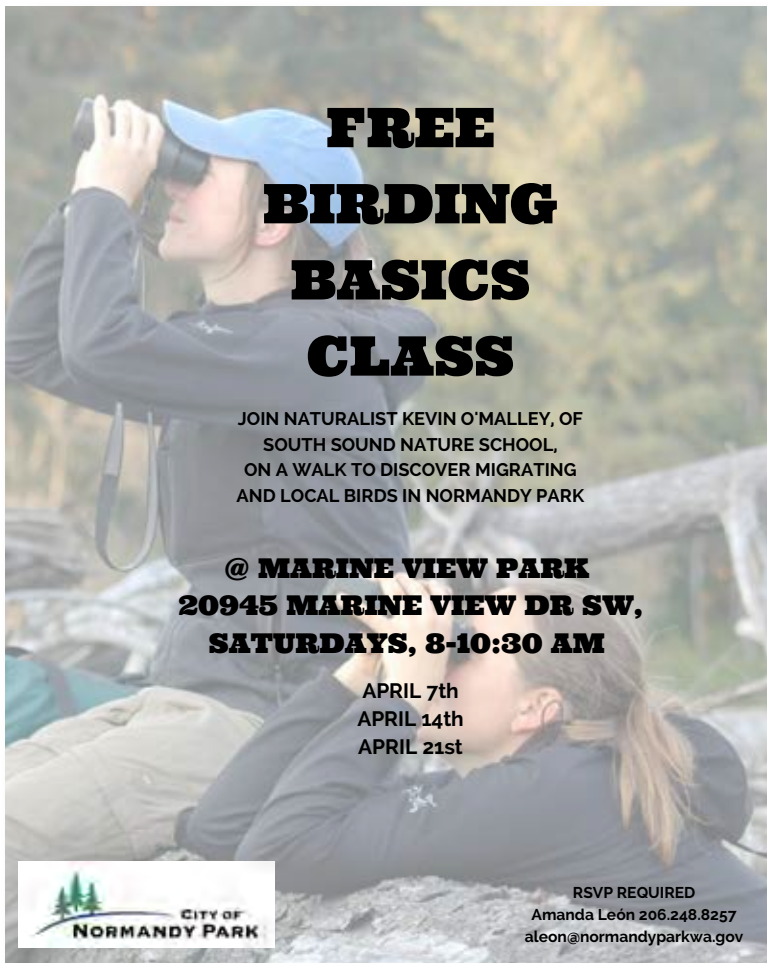
OWL PROWL

Join naturalist Kevin O'Malley on a guided walk to discover owls at Nature Trails Park and Walker Preserve.

Sign up for the following dates:

- May 25th
- June 1st
- June 15th
- July 6th
- July 27th
- August 10th
- August 24th
- September 7th

 RSVP with your preferred day to Amanda León, aleon@normandyparkwa.com or call 206-248-8257




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About our teacher: Trained Naturalist Kevin “Porcupine” O’Malley has been leading adult and family courses in nature for over a decade. He’s particularly skillful in guiding children and adults to have experiences that connect them to the Nature that surrounds them and to inspire questions with answers to be found on another day in the woods.

“Next time you hear a woodpecker drumming or discover an owl pellet you will be able to narrow it down to a few species. My guess is you will want to go back outside and find more clues that solve nature’s mysteries!” ~ Kevin

All Basic Birding Class is designed for beginners and intermediate adults and families. It is recommended to have a pair of binoculars, dress for the weather, and be prepared for a walk. These are **free** events and will begin in March and run through September 2018. The birding adventures are limited in size. RSVP is required. Please contact Amanda León, Parks Director, at aleon@normandyparkwa.gov or call 206-248-8257 to make your reservations today!

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Zumba-Gold

Zumba-Gold is accessible for seniors, beginners or others needing modifications in their exercise routine. As we age, exercise continues to be of critical importance to weight management, heart health, balance and injury prevention. Zumba Gold is a dance workout infused with a medley of dance styles, including merengue, cha-cha, cumbia, belly dance, rumba, tango and salsa. Zumba Gold falls under the category of endurance training, which keeps the heart healthy and the circulatory system strong. Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothing that allows your body to experience a wide range of movement. Wear athletic shoes to support your ankles and knees to efficiently and safely move through your workout. Chairs available for seated modifications of the dances.

Instructor: Deborah Birrane
Thurs 3:30–4:20pm \$55



Yoga For Your Back, Move With Ease

Who's got your back? You do! Radiant Health Yoga, a Hatha-based yoga practice, will allow you to explore more deeply and gently what your body and mind seek... less pain! Yoga helps increase strength in very specific muscles and muscle groups. Back and abdominal muscles are essential components of the muscular network of the spine, helping the body maintain proper upright posture and movement. When these muscles are conditioned, back pain can be greatly reduced or avoided. Breathing is another important component to your yoga practice. The quality of the breath in many ways determines the quality of your yoga practice. Breath sets the stage for a relaxed body, encourages strong circulation, and eases tension—thus minimizing pain and disease. Wear comfortable clothing. Please bring a mat and a blanket.

Instructor: Deborah Birrane
Thurs 4:30–5:30pm \$55

Golf and Horticulture Programs Start this Spring!

Spring is just around the corner and we are ready for our annual golfing and horticulture programs to start the season with exercise, education and good fun at Des Moines Normandy Park Senior Activity Center. For more information please call 206-878-1642. Registration for these outings begins March 19th.



Horticulture Outings

Explore lush and varied Northwest gardens and nurseries. Lunch at local eateries or bring a sack lunch. Note: Transportation fee does not reflect no-host lunch or garden admission fees. Trips depart at 9am unless otherwise noted.

Mon Age 50+ \$10 Transportation Fee

Apr 6 West Seattle Nursery, Seattle
Lunch at Endolyne Joe's
Depart 10am

Apr 20 Flower World, Snohomish
Lunch at Maltby Café
Depart 8:30am

May 4 Woodbrook Native Nursery, Gig Harbor
Lunch at Tanglewood Grill

May 18 Clematis Garden, Seattle
Lunch at TBA

June 1 Bassetti's Crooked Arbor Garden, Woodinville
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Golf Outings

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Poetry in the Park

The King County Queen

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Though she regally sings
when the mountain is out.

She dines the cool restaurants
like Serious Pie
And is seen in The Palace,
Tom Douglas nearby.

She sips coffee from mugs
with mermaids and crowns
and guzzles Jones Soda when
no one's around.

She cheers Sounders and Seahawks
And some Huskies too,
Loves walking her Corgis'
At Woodland Park Zoo
From Needle to Dome
Is considered her scene
She is known unto all as
The King County Queen.

Sue-Ann Hohimer
Council Member, City of Normandy Park



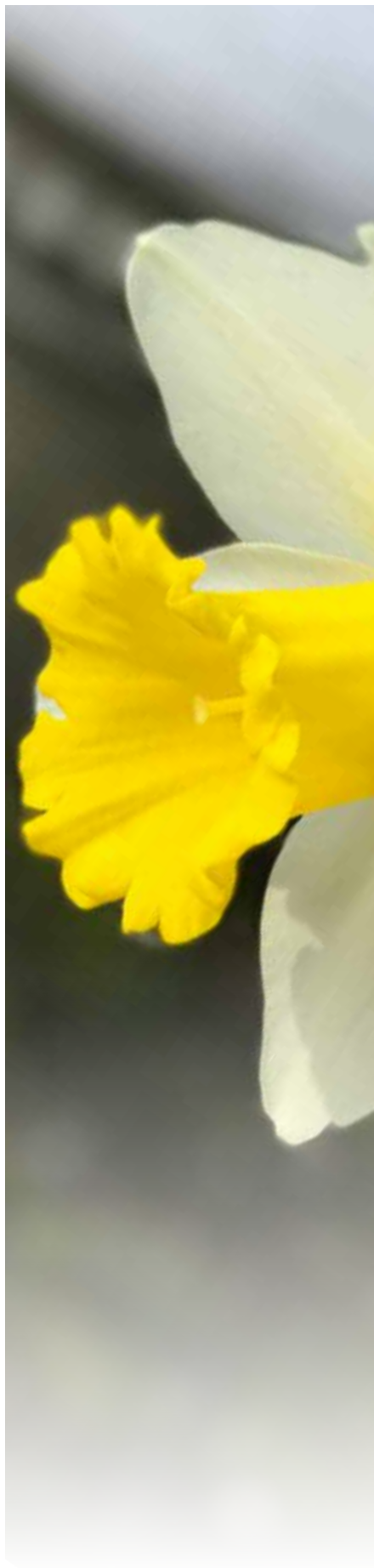
Have you wanted to share your poetry with the public? Here is your chance! Submit your creations to Art Commission/City Hall and your poem could be selected to publish in the next City Scene magazine.

Requests for Submission:

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New Officer Starts at the Police Academy!

On February 1st, the Normandy Park Police Department welcomed Joel Lasko to our team. Joel grew up on the east coast in Connecticut. Shortly after graduating from high school, Joel enlisted in the Navy. During his time in the Navy, Joel was assigned to the USS Abraham Lincoln, based out of Everett. After completing his enlistment, Joel attended Western Connecticut State University, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management. Joel spent two and a



New Normandy Park Police Officer Joel Lasko

half years working for MasterCard before deciding to move back to Washington with his wife Maggie.

Joel had several options as to where he could begin his police career. He chose to work for the City of Normandy Park because of the Police Department's strong relationship with the community. Not many places are as supportive of their police officers as Normandy Park. Joel is looking forward to completing the basic law enforcement academy so he can begin serving Normandy Park and its citizens. Joel started the academy on February 21st, and is set to graduate June 28, 2018.

Block Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Program

Normandy Park Police Department is starting up a block watch/emergency preparedness program. The two programs are linked together because they are both directly related to getting to know your neighbors. If your neighborhood is interested in getting organized, then please contact Chief Dan Yourkoski at dyourkoski@normandyparkwa.gov. The Police Department can help with organizing meetings and providing a meeting location. Groups should be limited to 20–30 households.

Also, if you are interested in taking on more of a leadership role for the City in Emergency Management please contact Chief Yourkoski.

Status of hiring of officers for the Normandy Park Police Department

On February 26th and 28th, we completed oral boards in which we saw over 15 candidates. Several have successfully moved on to the next round of hiring. Those who advance will next have a Chief's interview, followed by a background investigation, polygraph, and psychological examination. We are hopeful we will be able to fill at least one if not two of our remaining vacancies.

We will continue to aggressively recruit candidates until all of our positions are filled. It is important to not only fill our vacancies, but more importantly to fill them with the right people who are a good fit for our community.

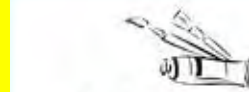
Thank you for your continued support of the Police Department and your patience.



Normandy Park Police to Offer Women's Self-Defense Class

In May 2018 we will be offering a class taught by our very own Officer John Lievero. Officer Lievero has been teaching the Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D) system for 16 years. During that time he has taught over 100 classes and over 1000 students. We continue to receive positive feedback from participants years later.

The course will consist of four three-hour classes. You must attend all four sessions. Athletic attire is recommended. Sweat pants and cross training running type shoes that provide lateral support are preferred. Dates, times, and location are to be determined. Class size is limited so if you are interested please email John at jlievero@normandyparkwa.gov.



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Thinking about Normandy Park's Trees

BY DAVID NEMENS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

What would a “walk in the Park” be without the City’s trees? Normandy Park’s magnificent tree canopy is part of what defines our City’s character. So it’s no surprise that Normandy Park’s residents value their trees, and have very strong opinions about them.

In early February, the City Council held a Special Meeting to discuss the City’s trees. The City Council and several Planning Commission members participated in the meeting, as did City Manager Mark Hoppen and Community Development Director David Nemens. Many members of the public spoke about what Normandy Park’s trees mean to them.

Based on what we heard at that meeting, City staff developed a Tree Preservation and Canopy Enhancement Program. The program emphasizes education, and de-emphasizes regulation. The overall goal of the program is to engage a broad base of citizens and property owners in a multi-faceted, community-based effort to preserve Normandy Park’s trees and enhance its tree canopy.

The program has three main parts:

1. The City and community groups should help to **EDUCATE** Normandy Park residents on the benefits and value of trees, and on good tree planting and maintenance practices.
2. The City should **COOPERATE** and **PARTNER** with public and private groups that are involved in education and tree canopy preservation.
3. The City should continue to **REGULATE** the cutting of trees in critical areas and their buffers, on new development sites, and on commercially or multifamily zoned properties. These regulations should be reviewed from time to time to be sure that they are clear, concise, and enforceable.

The City Council, Planning Commission, and City staff will continue to work to flesh out these ideas. We will continue to seek out and provide opportunities for on-going citizen involvement. We will report back to you on a regular basis about how these ideas are working, and about opportunities for you to tell us your ideas about preserving the City’s tree legacy.

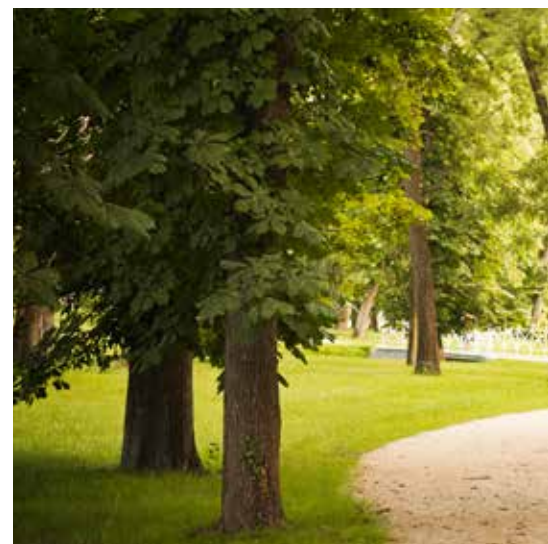
Normandy Park and King County Conservation District Tree Canopy Assessment

BY AMANDA LEÓN, PARKS DIRECTOR

The City of Normandy Park is collaborating with the King County Conservation District to begin a Tree Canopy Assessment Study. Normandy Park was chosen to participate in the South County Tree Assessment Initiative. The King County Conservation District recently identified, and dedicated funding, to cities south of I-90 who do not have recent canopy data.

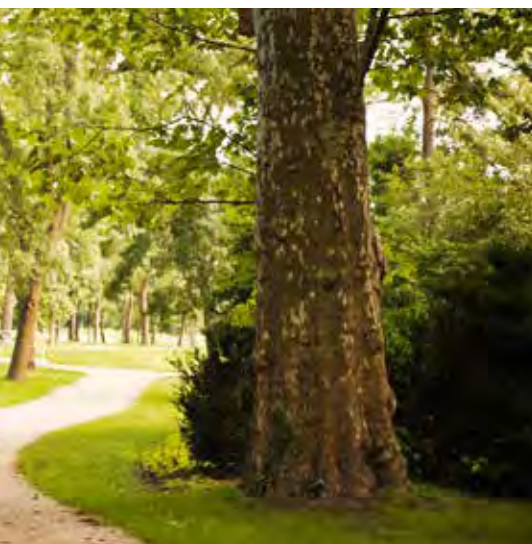
This Tree Canopy Assessment will produce a report that quantifies the current canopy cover. It will give the city data about the percentage of overall canopy coverage, data

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about deciduous vs evergreen canopy, and mapping that will identify areas of canopy. Also included in this study will be useful data and fact sheets for all Normandy Park residents. King County Conservation District will also provide stormwater capacity analysis and online information that will be posted on the City's website.

In addition to partnering with King County Conservation District, the City will partner with Terra Firma Consulting and Plan-it Geo, LLC. An urban tree canopy study generally costs between \$10–\$20k. This will be the City of Normandy Park's first Tree Canopy Assessment. Moving forward, the Tree Canopy Assessment will be used by the Community Development and Planning Department to develop policy, inform future forestry restoration programs, set future canopy goals, plan for improved stormwater management, and provide online planning tools.



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City Works with Metro to Create New Transportation Options

BY DAVID NEMENS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

King County Metro and the City of Normandy Park are working together to improve mobility options for our city's residents—we want to make it easier for residents to get where they want to go.

Metro's "Community Connections" is a four-year (2015–2018) demonstration program in which Metro works with local governments and community partners to develop innovative and cost-efficient transportation solutions in areas of King County that don't have the infrastructure, density, or land use to support regular, fixed-route bus service. The program aims to develop, test, and evaluate new transportation services that take advantage of innovative ideas, unique partnerships, or emerging technology.

Why Normandy Park? Regular bus service may not meet all of our community's transportation needs. Normandy Park is a growing community with a rising senior population and two primary commercial areas along the First Avenue. Some areas of Normandy

Park are accessible by Metro bus routes, but those routes may not offer the sort of easy and convenient connections to regional transit options you want.

According to Emily Kish, King County Metro project manager for Normandy Park's "Community Connections" pilot project, the results of the recent Normandy Park Community Connections Solution Concepts Preference Survey will be available soon. This survey asked residents for feedback on the proposed solution concepts presented by Metro to our stakeholder group last December.

More information about the Normandy Park Community Connections project can be found at www.kingcounty.gov/metro/normandypark.

We want to make it easier for residents to get where they want to go.

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Normandy Park Profile: Photographer Doug Early

Photography has been a great hobby. While growing up in Westfield, New Jersey, I always brought my little Kodak camera on family vacations. This continued, as I became a young adult. I worked for Piedmont Airlines and then later USAIRWAYS. The excellent perk of having flying benefits allowed me to travel to Europe and Asia.

Several years ago, a friend gave me his Canon Point and Shoot Camera and this is when I really started to get into photography. What a difference in how my pictures looked! From a stunning façade of a Pre WWII building in Prague to an intimate close up of a deer in Yosemite. I then went out and bought a Canon DSLR, and soon knew I was hooked.

A couple of years ago and with my friend's encouragement, I started to enter art festivals. I feel very honored that I've been juried and won awards in Burien, Federal Way, the Washington State Fair and Normandy Park.

The Pacific Northwest has been a wonderful environment to photograph, and I enjoy taking pictures of nature, landscapes and architecture. I love when a person makes a heartfelt connection through my photography. It could be because of a childhood memory, a familiar location or through the deep love of the subject matter.

As a Burien resident, I am very excited to be exhibiting my photography at Normandy Park City Hall March 19th through May 30th. There will be a reception at Normandy Park City Hall on Thursday, April 26th from 7–9 p.m. I hope that you can make it and most importantly, I hope that you enjoy my photography.

Doug Early
www.dougearlyphotography.com



"Where Will It Lead Me" by photographer Doug Early



Doug Early at the Mt. Tongariro Crossing in New Zealand

Normandy Park Spring 2018 Events



Library2Go

April 4
May 2, 30
June 27
July 25

KCLS Library Van
at Marvista Park from
3:30–4pm.

Birding Class

April 7, 14, 21

Free Birding Class at Marine
View Park from 8:30–10:30
am. RSVP with Parks
Department is required.

Arts Reception

April 26

Doug Early Photography
Reception at City Hall
from 7–9pm.

Spring Into Your Park

April 28

Volunteers needed to Paint
the Playground at City Hall
Park from 9–11am.

Miller Walker Environmental Stewards

April 28
June 16

Volunteers needed to
remove invasive plants at
Walker Preserve from
9:30 am–noon. RSVP
with Matt Goehring at
mgoehring@kingcounty.gov
or 206-263-6826.

Marine View Park Ivy Pull

May 5

Volunteers needed to
remove ivy plants at
Marine View Park from
9:30am–noon.

Community Recycling Event

May 19

Free Community Recycling
Event at John Knox Church
from 9am–3pm.

Owl Prowl

May 25
June 1, 15
July 6, 27
August 10, 24

Free Owl Discovery Walk
at Nature Trails or Walker
Preserve at dusk. RSVP
with Parks Department
is required.



Stormwater Runoff is Impacting Local Salmon

BY MATT GOEHRING

It's a Wednesday morning in November, and local residents Lee Moyer and Craig Knuston are navigating up Miller Creek and carefully scanning the water for signs of salmon. They are part of the 30+ volunteers monitoring adult salmon returns to Miller and Walker Creeks. In addition to identifying and counting live salmon, they will cut open any dead salmon to determine if they spawned successfully prior to dying. "This is important work that provides valuable data on the health of the watershed. It also provides great exercise—it's a good alternative to going to the gym," said Lee Moyer of Burien.

Now in its eighth year, the Community Salmon Investigation for Highline is a great example of a community-driven science program. Since salmon rely on cold clean water in Miller and Walker Creeks, they are a good indicator of broader ecosystem health. There are only a few similar programs in western Washington—the closest being Longfellow Creek in West Seattle. The popularity of the program reflects the importance

of the local creeks and salmon to the residents of the watershed. From October through December, 32 volunteers contributed over 335 hours to surveys in 2017. The collective interest in the program is inspiring. It's not just the program volunteers, local residents now recognize the bright orange vests worn by surveyors and frequently stop them to inquire about how the salmon are doing.

as pre-spawn mortality (PSM), causes fish to become disoriented, lose equilibrium, and die within hours of exposure. Pre-spawn mortality in coho salmon is not isolated to this watershed. It is a regional problem linked to stormwater runoff. A growing body of evidence suggests stormwater runoff from the regional network of roads and highways triggers PSM in coho



In addition to documenting long term trends in abundance (see figure), CSI-Highline has highlighted a troublesome statistic—approximately 67 percent of adult female coho returning to Miller and Walker Creeks die prior to spawning. This phenomenon, known

salmon. Scientists at the University of Washington Center for Urban Waters –Tacoma, led by Ed Kolodziej, are working to isolate the specific chemical compound(s) contributing to PSM. A partnership between CSI-Highline and the Center for Urban

Waters is helping to collect symptomatic fish and water samples from Miller Creek as part of this regional study.

Residents interested in how they can help improve conditions for salmon within Miller and Walker Creeks can contact Matt Goehring, Miller Walker Basin Steward. Specific actions you can take include

- Install a raingarden or cistern to reduce runoff from your property;
- Ensure only rain enters local storm drains—keep chemicals and car fluids out;
- Remove invasive plants and maintain native landscaping; and
- Volunteer to help restore local parks.

The success of the CSI-Highline program is a reflection of the dedicated community volunteers. If you're interested in participating in CSI-Highline or learning about other opportunities to help improve the Miller-Walker watershed, please contact Matt Goehring (206-263-6826 or mgoehring@kingcounty.gov). No prior experience is required and training will be provided in early October for the 2018 spawning season.




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Mark Hoppen,
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"What we think, we become."
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Nope, he only said it about
men, but he meant everyone.
James Allen? Nope, he
liked to use "th's." Helen
Keller? Nope, but she might
have said it. Napoleon Hill?

Nope, he said it best about personal
well-being. Stephen Covey? Nope, he
focused on habits. Dalai Lama? Nope,
but close. Buddha said it (5th Century
B.C.). But, they all recognized the
principle; see their quotes listed below.

*A man is what he thinks about all
day long. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)*

*A man is literally what he thinks, his
character being the complete sum
of all his thoughts. (James Allen, As
a Man Thinketh, 1903)*

*People do not like to think. If one
thinks, one must reach conclusions.
Conclusions are not always
pleasant. (Helen Keller)*

*Whatever the mind of man can
conceive and believe, it can
achieve. (Napoleon Hill)*

*Sow a thought, reap an action; sow
an action, reap a habit; sow a habit,
reap a character; sow a character,
reap a destiny. (Stephen R. Covey)*

*In order to carry out a positive
action we must develop here [likely
points at his head with a wry smile]
a positive vision. (Dalai Lama)*

Chief of Police Dan Yourkoski will
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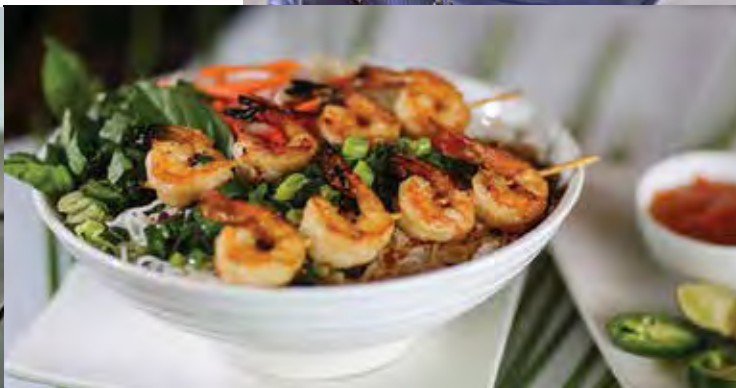
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